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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 26, 2007

1. Call to order.

The 327th joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:35 p.m. on November 26, 2007 at King Gillette Ranch, 26800 Mulholland Highway, Calabasas.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Jerome C. Daniel, Linda Parks, Bryan Cash, Ron Schafer, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson. A Quorum was present. The following members were absent: Antonio Gonzalez, Woody Smeck, and Jim Berkus.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Michael Cacciotti, Anita Fromholz, Richard Gould, Marc Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, Mary Sue Maurer, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Dennis Seider, Nancy Stephens, Marc Stirdivant, Timothy Wendler, George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A Quorum was present. The following members were absent: Caroline Brown, Dave Brown, William Koehler, Lawren Markle, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Liane Weintraub, and Garen Yegparian.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief of Operations; Jeff Jones, Assistant Financial Officer; Juliet Chung, Contracts and Fiscal Officer, Government Programs, and Chris Trumpy, Acting Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that the following legislative participants were present: Louise Rishoff and Laura Plotkin.

5. Reports.

The Conservancy received reports from Ron Schafer representing State Parks, the Executive Director.

6. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

No comments were made

7. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following person addressed the Conservancy:

John Fonti, representing Estancia Maintenance Association, on matters not on the agenda.

Dave Hettwer, representing Haciendas Homeowners Association, on matters not on the agenda.

Mary Wiesbrock, representing Save Open Space, on item 8(c)

Ann Eklund, representing Las Virgenes Unified School District, on matters not on the agenda.

Alessandra De Clario, representing Charmlee Docents, on item 8(c).

Marshall Thompson, representing Malibu Park Homeowners Association, on item 11.

Riuk Mullen, representing Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund, on item 11.

Kathryn Holguin, Representing Ramirez Canyon Homeowners Association, on item 11.

Jefferson Wagner, representing Latigo Canyon Pres. Association, on item 11.

Susan Tellem, member of the public, on item 11.

John Mazza, member of the public, on item 11.

8. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the augmentation of Grant No. SMM-0605 for Franklin Canyon Park Improvements with Proposition 50 funds.**

- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing payment of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's share of Directors and Officers insurance policy for the Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the Conejo Recreation and Park District regarding public access improvements at the MRCA-owned Rancho Potrero Open Space.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing annual contribution from the Support Budget up to \$3000 pursuant to the Newhall Ranch High Country Recreation and Conservation Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.**

Item 8(c) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti , duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 07-102, 07-103, and 07-105.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel , duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 07-102, 07-103, and 07-105.

- 8(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the Conejo Recreation and Park District regarding public access improvements at the MRCA-owned Rancho Potrero Open Space.**

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Maurer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-104 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-104 as amended..

- 9. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) Cash reports for the 4th quarter of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and the 1st quarter of Fiscal Year 2007-2008, as required under section 11.4 (d) of the MRCA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.**

Comments were made by the Assistant Financial Officer.

- 10. Report of Third Quarter 2007 Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy grants.**

Comments were made by Mr. Robinson.

- 11. Report on November 13, 2007 Malibu City Council meeting on the public parks access Local Coastal Plan Amendment.**

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and Ms. April Verbanic, representing Dudek and Associates.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Cash, Robinson, Seider, Stirdivant, and Ms. Fromholz.

Comments were made by Ms. Verbanic and the Executive Director.

- 12. Presentation by Community Conservancy International on results of Green Solution Projects study, Phase I.**

This item was removed from the agenda and postponed to a later date.

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Phase II of the Green Solution Projects Study.**

This item was removed from the agenda and postponed to a later date.

- 14. Consideration of resolution approving the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to use Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation funding to acquire APN's 4465-004-070, 071, 4467-002-041, and 4467-003-031, Malibu.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-111.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer , duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-111.

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing change of scope to Grant No. SMM-0776.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Robinson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-112.

Ms. Bill De La Pena was recorded as voting 'no'.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel , duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-112 as amended.

16. Closed session instructions to negotiators regarding APN 4467-002-042, 044 and 060, Ramirez Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County. Under negotiation: Price and terms. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) of the Government Code.)

See item 17.

17. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: Pending litigation – *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission*, et al.; *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. LC077488*; *Robings v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BC377233*, and *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and related actions.

The Chair announced that the Conservancy would meet in closed session at 10:30 p.m. to discuss item 16.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 10:40 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to negotiators regarding item 16.

18. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on a date to be determined at a later time.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:45 p.m. in memory John McCord.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson